

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF PORT EVERGLADES DIRECTOR
PHILLIP C. ALLEN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions and celebrate the seven years of service that Phillip C. Allen has given to the South Florida community as Director of the Port Everglades. Under his leadership and guidance, Port Everglades has become an economic powerhouse for South Florida.

Mr. Allen's commitment to creating jobs and fostering economic opportunity in our community is evident in his accomplishments. He helped craft a 20-year master plan for development of the port, and facilitated three critical expansions that are expected to create 7,000 new jobs in South Florida and 135,000 jobs statewide. Under his leadership, the port has grown substantially to accommodate our growing tourism industry, which has brought some of the world's largest cruise ships to Florida. Even more impressive is his plan to dredge the port in advance of the widening of the Panama Canal, which sets the stage for South Florida to serve as a bustling center for international commerce upon its completion in 2014.

Given his many contributions to our local economy, it should come as no surprise that on November 4, 2011, Mr. Allen was named South Florida Business Leader of the Year. I can think of no person more deserving of this honor than Mr. Allen, a leader who understands that building state-of-the-art infrastructure is imperative if we wish to give our businesses a competitive advance in the global marketplace. I commend Mr. Allen for his years of hard work and dedication, and pledge to him my continued support for the development and expansion of the Port Everglades in the years to come.

HONORING JACK DELEO

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Jack DeLeo, as he is recognized by UNICO National, Scranton Chapter, as "UNICAN of the Year."

Upon receiving this award, Mr. DeLeo has served as president of the Scranton Chapter and is currently sitting Chairman of the Board for the organization. Mr. DeLeo has exemplified the motto of UNICO, 'Service Above Self,' and has long put the needs of his community first.

Mr. DeLeo served his country with courage and dignity during the Vietnam War as a soldier in the U.S. Army. Mr. DeLeo has, more recently, dedicated himself to worthy associations including the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

At home, Mr. DeLeo is an active parishioner of St. Lucy's Church. He previously served as president of the Lackawanna County Columbus Day Association and currently sits on its Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Mr. Jack DeLeo, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his community and our Nation.

COMMENDATION OF DR. CHAD AUDI

HON. HANSEN CLARKE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Chad Audi, CEO and President of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM) in Detroit, Michigan. February 2012 marks Dr. Audi's 15th year serving Wayne County through his work at the DRMM.

Dr. Audi began working in the DRMM's finance department in 1997 and rose to become the Vice President of Finance and Administration. Later, he was appointed to the position of Chief Operating Officer. In 2005, Dr. Audi was selected to serve as the CEO/President of the DRMM.

Dr. Audi is a well-respected member of the community who has formed strategic partnerships with outside organizations, agencies, and individuals and found creative and cost-effective ways to serve DRMM's clients in a friendly, spiritually supportive environment.

The DRMM is the country's largest rescue mission and is committed to sharing the gospel of the love of Jesus Christ. The DRMM provides hope to the disadvantaged, abused, and homeless people in Wayne County.

Under the leadership of Dr. Audi, the DRMM serves one million meals to the homeless and hungry annually. The DRMM provides over 1,600 community members a day with shelter, food, substance abuse treatment, case management, transitional jobs, and spiritual mentoring.

The DRMM has also opened the Cornerstone Bistro in Highland Park, Michigan. The Cornerstone Bistro is a sit-down restaurant and "cornerstone" of a culinary apprenticeship program run by the DRMM and Wayne County Community College. This program helps DRMM clients receive on-the-job training and a culinary arts associate degree.

I commend Dr. Audi's tireless work improving the quality and range of services available to those in need in our community.

It is with great honor that I recognize Dr. Audi and his work at the DRMM creating a brighter future for Wayne County residents.

HONORING BROOK HILL SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, the Brook Hill School is a vibrant non-denominational Christian school which opened its doors in the fall of 1997. A three-fold mission permeates every aspect of Brook Hill's existence: (1) to provide excellence in college preparatory education, (2) to affirm the gifts and challenge the potential of each student, and (3) to encourage students to honor God through Christ-like character.

It is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Brook Hill School in Bullard, Texas, on its incredible athletic achievements during recent school years in which they achieved several state championship titles. This past fall of 2011, the Brook Hill Guard reached the pinnacle of success by winning the Division III State Football Championship, after being state finalists two years in a row in 2009 and 2010.

The Brook Hill Guard also captured the state championship title in Baseball during 2010–2011, as well as the state championship title in Boys' Golf that school year. As if that were not impressive enough, Kirby Vinson won the individual State Champion title in the Girls Track & Field discus. Also, Austin Langemeier won the individual State Champion title in both the Boys Track & Field 800 Meter Run and the 1600 Meter Run.

The superb 2010–2011 school year was preceded in 2009–2010 by the Brook Hill Boys achieving the incredible feat of advancing to the State final championship game in baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. That was topped off with the Girls' Golf team winning the State Championship outright that same year. It also must be noted that Courtney Thomas shown brightly by winning the State Champion title in the Shot Put event of Boys' Track & Field.

These achievements could not have been possible without the tireless preparation of each individual team member, and the commitment of the coaches to proper preparation themselves followed by the intense training, inspiring, and directing of the very talented players under their supervision. Such vast excellence in athletics in all of those sports at all levels requires the kind of community and school-wide support that Brook Hill students, parents, and community backers provided.

A key lesson that has obviously been instilled in the Brook Hill students is that uncompromising dedication and hard work ultimately yield great success.

Again, congratulations go out to the Brook Hill School students, coaching staff, faculty, and the entire community of support in and around Bullard, Texas, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America. Their excellence in so many areas and pursuits make it my great honor to be their servant in the United States House of Representatives.

HONEST BUDGET ACT OF 2012

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, Americans deserve a genuine and predictable government that shoots straight. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest." How can the people hold their representative accountable when Congress and their President distort the basic facts?

Many of my colleagues and I are dismayed by the dysfunction in the process. We've seen firsthand the insider tricks and schemes used to distort the budget and hide new spending. We've learned that these loopholes are deeply